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# Do It Heartily

By C. M. Ward

(Brother Ward was evening speaker at the camp meeting.)

*"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men."* Col. 3:23.

My mother would say: "It it's worth doing, it's worth doing well!" I think that is what Paul is saying. He is saying if there be anything to this Christian experience, then let the world see it by the kind of lives we live. So much of our ordinary business seems to have no connection with religion that we often wonder just how we ought to go about it. Suppose you could have asked such a devoted Christian as the Apostle Paul such a question, you could have asked it like this: "I want to bring the Spirit of Christ, in Whom I believe and trust, into my daily business. Tell me how I am to begin. What do you think would be his answer?"

We have his recorded reply to certain friends in his lifetime who were concerned about this very thing. He said:

*"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men."* That can be taken as a general everyday, work-a-day principle. Paul's principle is this: whatever your work may be, whatever dealings you have with your fellowmen, learn to look past them: past employer, friend, servant to the Lord Jesus, and do and work, speak, plan, and give as unto Him. Aim Christianward in all that you do for your fellow man. Do everything that you do for others as though you were doing it for Jesus. Then your religion will begin to be visible in your daily life. Keep Jesus in the picture all the time.

Some folk may feel that this would make life more solemn than a funeral service. But look at Paul's choice of an adverb. He uses this word "heartily." Do it, he says, heartily as unto the Lord. He says that this everyday religious aspect of your life need not get you down so that you become a stuffy, drab wet-blanket sort of a proposition. He insists that there be a cheerfulness, a gay geniality, about our round of duties. It is the duty of your preacher to point out that true religion and contagious happiness go together. You cannot divorce one from the other without mutilating what the Bible calls religion. It's good to have Paul's authority for that. Let our daily business—whatever it may be—be a happy daily testimony of God's presence with us.

How much the world needs such a heartiness! It's getting to be a scarce article. Everywhere you look people seem to be acting as though the job they were doing were a drab something to get

through with as quickly as possible. Paul says that a real Christian is not to act that way, that he is to have a heartiness about him, a pep, a joy, a gladness that will make the passer-by stop and wonder what has happened to him. That's what drew hundreds of people into the full gospel movement years ago. There was a charm about God's people. Everybody was having such a good time. Folk were enjoying themselves; they were exhibiting a new kind of living.

How different it all is from the griping, grumbling, cranky, chiselling routine of this world. Folk who go around with a sigh and a groan, and limp and wish they were dead, or that they could move somewhere else, or find another job are a million miles away from revealing Christ in their everyday life. True religion, says Paul, shows itself in cheeriness, in putting your heart into the thing. As long as you continue to whine, the world will never listen to your testimony. There's no place to wear a long face about the way you are being treated. Remember you are doing it for the Lord.

Live like this and you are not going to get knocked down, as does the ordinary man, by disappointments that come your way. If you are simply trying to please men, trying to climb the ladder by stroking someone's back, getting ahead by knowing the right people, sooner or later you are in for a big let-down. Perhaps it will happen to you that you'll work your hands off for someone and then get no thanks for it. Perhaps in the time of need you will turn toward your best friend only to find that he is too busy with his own affairs. Let me tell you from personal experience that the most independent man—the



C. M. WARD at the camp meeting pulpit.

strongest man and in the end the happiest man—is the man, who, while he has a respect for other men and for their good opinions and recommendations, is looking beyond them and working every day with an eye single to pleasing God. That man will be thankful every day for every single friend, and he will be even more thankful for his Big Friend upstairs.

A man who lives like that will do better work. He will want God to be pleased with him. If you and I are really offering the job we do every day to Jesus, then we dare not offer for His inspection anything that is botched up or done in a slipshod manner. You and I can't get away with a sort of anything-will-do policy. You and I must give God the very best that we are capable of. Sinners will be watching us; and if we try to get by by cutting corners, they'll say immediately: "Well, I'm surprised at him. That's a Christian for you!" That is what Paul is saying: always live with the knowledge that Christ is watching you.

Follow this rule in Colossians 3:23 and you will be more loyal to your earthly friends; you won't be half as tempted to let them down. When you know that the Master is watching, you can't possibly do less than your best for your friends. And you won't speak uncharitably about them. You'll give them every possible "break" you can. You will always feel that that friend needs you.

But you ask, "How can I live like that? How can I put that quality of service into my life?" Well, you'll need something warmer, something more alive, than a cold sense of duty. You'll need more than religious education and teaching. You and I will need a personal touch. This is true in worldly matters. Let a man understand that what he is doing is for someone who counts supremely, for his wife or mother or a child, and that man will stick to the job until he either wins or drops while trying. I say this without fear of contradiction, that it is only a person—real flesh and blood—who can pull out of us that kind of enduring passion for the highest type of service. And when you get down to persons, there's only one person who can so win your heart that endlessly, day after day, you keep on trying to do your best with a song in your heart to please Him. That person is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Meet Him and really get acquainted with Him. He will bring out the very best that is in you. You'll never know the kind of life we have been considering without knowing Him. He puts goal and purpose and worth into that everyday job of yours which otherwise would become so monotonous, so stale on your hands. Here's the secret: *"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men."* Don't be a time-server, be a Christ-server!



# The Words of the Wise

By J. Narver Gortner

Where shall we go to find "the words of the wise"? Shall we go to the United States Senate, or to the House of Representatives, or to the White House, or to the great libraries where are found the volumes that have been written by the great scholars of the past and of the present?

Let us not forget that God says in His Word that *"the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,"* and that since this is true, no scholar no matter how learned he may be, can be the possessor of wisdom unless indeed he is a God-fearing man. The Bible teaches us that *"the world by wisdom knew not God,"* and that, apart from divine wisdom, it is impossible for anybody of this age, or any other age, to know Him. Wisdom is concentrated in Jesus Christ, in whom we are told *"are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,"* and who is characterized by Paul as *"the power of God and the wisdom of God."* See 1 Cor. 1:24 and Col. 2:3.

The words of the wise, then, are to be sought in the Word of God, not outside of it.

I was sitting in my study one evening after cataracts had covered both my eyes. I was in the midst of a multitude of books. There are book shelves on each side of me, extending all the way from the floor to the ceiling. And they are well stocked with books. Some of the volumes were very rare, having been out of print for many years. Some had been written by the world's greatest scholars, the learned men of our day and of past ages. As I sat there I thought of the lines of Longfellow,

**"The pleasant books that silently among  
Our household treasures take familiar  
places  
Are all to us as if a living tongue  
Spake from the printed leaves or pictured  
faces."**

and of Fletcher's lines,

**"Give me  
Leave to enjoy myself. That place that  
does  
Contain my books, my best companions, is  
To me a glorious court where hourly I  
Converse with the great sages and philo-  
sophers."**

and of lines that I myself had written more than fifty years ago,

**"Pleasant the hours are when in my room  
Alone I sit to study: then I grasp  
The wisdom of the minds of men  
Inscribed on paper."**

I looked at the book shelves that surrounded me. I could see them only dimly through the cataracts that had cov-

ered my eyes, and I said to myself, "Here are all these books. Many of them I have read; some I have reread; some I have only looked through, but have fully intended to read some day, and some that I have read I have fully intended to reread. But these cataracts have covered my eyes, and I cannot read a single paragraph or a single line, and I can see only the dim outlines of the "pictured faces" that are in some of them. What a calamity, what a misfortune to be unable to read!" I felt almost like a man who is bound by chains. He is starving, but is in the midst of food—great quantities of food—but the food is just beyond his reach. The chains by which he has been bound make it impossible for him to reach it.

Then I thought of a passage of Scripture I had not thought of for a long time; and I saw the passage in an altogether different light. It was the passage found in Ecclesiastes 12:11, 12, *"The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one Shepherd. And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of the making of many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh."*

The object of this article is not to discourage study, the study of books, but rather to encourage study, the study of the Bible, which is a depository of the true wisdom, that wisdom of which God is the source. Unless a book is able to contribute something to our store of true knowledge or true wisdom, it is of little value. Books written by men who do not know God, or who ignore Him, are not likely to contain much wisdom. If they contain any, it is because they have been written by men who have been in touch with an age that has been influenced in large measure by truth that came through men whose utterances were indited by the Spirit of God.

"The words of the wise" are in the Bible, and they have been "given from one Shepherd," and that shepherd, of course, was none other than the good Shepherd, the great Shepherd, the chief Shepherd—the Lord Jesus Christ.

These words of the wise are "as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies,"—as goads to goad us onward toward "the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14. In order that Paul might attain unto it he "counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord." It may be that he did not need to be goaded onward

after he became a disciple of the Lord Jesus, but he certainly needed to be thus goaded before he became a Christian. When the Lord appeared to him on the Damascus road, He said, "It is hard for thee to kick against the goads." God had decreed that Saul of Tarsus should become Paul the Apostle, but the bitter persecutor persisted in kicking against the goads that were designed by God to turn him from his sinful course, subdue his stubborn spirit, and bring his whole life into harmony with the divine purpose and plan. Had he persisted in kicking against the goads the results would have been disastrous: the church would have had no Paul the Apostle, and we should have only the record of a Saul of Tarsus who bitterly persecuted the early Christians and perished as he lived, an unsaved sinner.

But what is meant by the words,—*"and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies?"* Just as "the words of the wise are as goads" to goad us onward in the way that is right, so they are "as nails that are fastened by the masters of assemblies," that the truth may be fastened down in such a way that it cannot be blown away by the winds of adversity, or snatched away by the enemy who is ever looking for an opportunity to snatch away the truth from those to whom it has been preached.

What a characterization of "the words of the wise" we have here in this passage that is seldom quoted and that many Bible readers are not familiar with! We have very frequently heard reference made to the statement that "of making of many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh," but how seldom, if ever, have we heard the context emphasized or even referred to!

What the Spirit of God was emphasizing away back in the days of Solomon was that the "the words of the wise" are found in the Word of God, and have been "given from one Shepherd," and that, if we would acquaint ourselves with them, and know what the true wisdom is, we should not go to the libraries of the learned, but to the records that have been made for us under the direct supervision of the Holy Spirit.

How thankful I was, as I sat in my study that evening, that even though I could no longer read, I had stored a great deal of the Word away in the archives of my mind and heart, so that by means of the fingers of memory I could reach in and draw out passage after passage, compare Scripture with Scripture, and not only meditate upon the Word, but feed upon it.

If you would be wise commit to memory "the words of the wise." They are in the Bible. There you will find concentrated wisdom, the wisdom of God, for God spake through holy men who were moved by the Holy Ghost, and their words are "the words of the wise."



## Give No Place to Sin

By Donald Lehmann

A verse of Scripture found in 1 John 3:8 may tend to further impress the awfulness of sin upon the new creature in Christ Jesus. *"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning."* For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil. Are we content to allow ourselves to be classified with him who was the originator of sin? Are we willing to allow ourselves to line up on the opposite side from the Son of God? There came a time when in the sight of God sin was so repulsive, so defiling, that He detailed His own Son Jesus Christ to destroy the work of the devil, which was sin. If sin in this world so moved God against Satan, how much more is God displeased with that life which claims the new birth when that life becomes spotted with sins. Let us again recall that sin separates us from God. Are we content to be eternally lost because we obeyed and yielded to the voice of Satan rather than the voice of the loving Father above? A life free from sin is a life of holiness, and Satan cannot touch that life, for every avenue and inlet is closed to sin and alive to Christ. It is in such a life that the power of God can be manifest.

True, verses of Scripture point out in different places that sin comes from the heart (note Matt. 15:19), but let us recall that sin began with the devil, and if every avenue of our being is lost in God, sin has no opportunity of beginning in our hearts. As has been wisely said of our physical bodies that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, the same might be said of our spiritual condition. We who call ourselves Christian would prevent the entry of sin by the simple process of allowing ourselves to love the Lord with our heart, soul, mind and strength. By preventing the entry of sin, we spare ourselves the pain and heartache of ever coming back, for why should we come back if nothing has ever separated us. You will find that preventing sin is a far easier thing to do than to repent of the sin committed! Which is it in your life—a case of continual preventing or a case of continual repenting?

Someone asks how we recognize sin. First, we can usually test an issue as to its being sin by the simple test of asking ourselves, is this thing I have in question pleasing to God? Or by asking the question, What would Jesus do? Those two questions will usually answer the question in one's mind, and will show up the imposter of sin before he has a chance in his separating work between us and God. Someone once said to me, "Brother Lehmann, I just cannot keep

off the public dance floors—what shall I do?" My answer was in the form of a question as I replied, "Did Jesus take your sins away, clear away?" Upon receiving an affirmative answer, I continued, "If Christ took those sins, they are gone! If anyone brings them back it will be the devil who does it, and you who allow him to do it. Now, Sister, no one will force you into your dancing attire, fasten the slippers upon your feet, and force you onto the floor and cause you to dance. Satan may bring the idea, but you make the decision yourself; you dress for the occasion and you alone do the dancing!" Although she had not at that time reached her spiritual establishment, and although she was just learning to "walk"—the sin she committed was being committed voluntarily. Such known sin separates us from the love of God! The difference between her outlook and the established Christian's outlook was this: she regarded sin lightly, even though she did recognize it; whereas the older Christian's outlook is not at the sin as sin—but at the sin as separation. Let us reach the place in our ministry and in our lives where sin is separation between us and God, a separation that we will not tolerate! It is up to us, for holiness is imbred, and God gives us the power to live holy!

The same thing applied to the above illustration can be applied to various other things that we as Christians single out and to which we apply the brand as sin. For example the use of alcohol, tobacco, gambling, thieving, etc. The devil may present the temptation, but it is up to the individual as to whether or not he falls from his holy walk in God and commits the sin. True, habits are powerful and hard to break, but need we to break those habits in our own power? No! For Christ Himself, our High Priest *"is able to succor them that are tempted"* because He, Himself, hath also suffered being tempted in all points as we are. (Heb. 2:18). Then, my friends, to speak plainly we need never fall into sin, if we are wholly living a Christ-filled life, for in that life we have our Redeemer with His power to raise us from the clutch and curse of sin.

Sin is spoken of in different places in the Word as being very deceitful, and in Hebrews 3:13 we find this exhortation: *"But exhort one another daily, while it is called to day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."* We are told to plead with one another every day. In other words, to be constantly on guard, to be continually warning one another, because sin is deadly

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and sin is deceiving. Sin causes us to place wrong values on our daily actions. Sin becomes charming under the atmosphere set up by Satan. Righteousness is made to look drab, and sin becomes intriguing, beguiling and beautiful. Sinners do things they never would think of doing were it not for the deceitfulness of sin; so let us fasten ourselves deep into holiness and believe God to keep us continually awake and alive to the deceitfulness of sin. *"Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."* (Gal. 6:7)

Sin is mighty, reproachful, disgracing, and debasing, and only as we grow to the place where sin is actually nauseating to us have we placed the same value upon sin as has God. (note Prov. 14:34, Amos 5:12, Prov. 15:9). One once said, "If I were an artist, and could upon a six by eight foot canvas depict sin as God sees sin, I would have forty-eight square feet of such nauseating vileness that no man could gaze thereon and live." That is a fair statement in the face of the fact that God turned from His own Son, when Christ upon the cross was made sin for us. Christ did not merely take our sin, but He was actually made sin for us. Can we imagine the agony, the heartbreak, the pain in the heart of the Father as he saw His only begotten son being made sin—that damning, separating thing which God so hated—that we might live by the atoning work of that cross? After causing such grief in the very heart of God, dare we live anything save a holy life? After what  
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# Why Attend Bible School?

## A discussion of acceptable motives for attending Bible School

By R. A. Wilson

There are many reasons why young people go to Bible school. As a board member of Glad Tidings I want to state the motives which I think young people ought to have if they are to attend school. Some go to school because they have nothing else to do, and Bible School sounds like a nice place to go. Others are sent to school by their parents, who wish to see them reformed. But I think that the true motive for attending Bible School is found in this passage of Scripture:

*For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge that if one died for all, then we're all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.* 2 Cor. 5:14-15.

### We Must Recognize Christ's Constraining Love

If a young person who attends Bible school does not know the constraining love of Christ, he has missed God's plan. There is tremendous power inherent in constraining love, for it was this love that Christ had for us. It was this love that made Jesus leave His home in glory, where He was with the Father, and all the angels of God worshiped Him, where He was the very crown jewel of heaven. It was because God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, and it was the love that He had for us that made Him come into this world. And only this compelling love can truly justify one's attendance at Bible school.

There is no greater force in all the world than love. When men and women get love in their hearts, it is a force that will constrain them to do things that they will do for nothing else. We recognize that the greatest love in the natural that we know is a mother's love for her child. A mother does not just do the things she has to do for her child, but she goes beyond. She does things that she does not have to do, because there is a force within her: a constraining force that makes her want to do more than just what she has to do.

God wants us to have just such a constraining love. He wants us to attend Bible school, not because we have to, not because someone forces us to, but

because we have the love of Christ shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. The love of Christ will constrain us that we may prepare ourselves to accomplish what God wants us to accomplish with our lives—that we may present a life that is dedicated to God in whatever capacity.

### We Must Recognize the Needs Of a Lost World

Now this is the proposition to which we are committed: That outside of Christ, the world is lost. If we could catch that vision and the constraining love of Christ, we would really be on fire for God. If our Bible means anything, it means this: that outside of Christ men and women are lost. Peter, preaching in the fourth chapter of the Book of Acts says, *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."* When we catch that vision, we will not wonder what we are going to do for the Lord, we are going to have our work laid out before us.

Our work is to go out and tell the glad news that Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. Jesus said, *"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."* O that the love of Christ will constrain us to go forth and tell the wonderful gospel story that Jesus is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him.

I know we believe it, but only the Spirit of God can really drive the truth home to our hearts so that it stirs us up. *"The love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge that if one died for all, then were all dead."* There is the message that you and I have for a lost world.

### God Requires Just Such a Surrender of Our Lives

*"... that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them ..."*

These words tell us that if He died for us, then we who have come into the benefit of His death are no longer to live for ourselves but for Him who died and

rose again. If we have really caught a realization of that, then the desire of our life must be no longer just to do what we want to do, but to desire to do what He wants us to do. Jesus, in His earthly ministry came with this as the keynote of His life and He said, *"I delight to do thy will O God."*

I wonder if you can say, *"I delight to do thy will, O Lord."* Some people are willing to do God's will, but Jesus was not only willing to do God's will; He delighted to do the will of God. Do we ever feel that the Lord wants us to do something, but instead of doing it out of a glad heart, we say, *"Well, Lord, I guess if I've got to do it, I've got to do it."* Is that the way we do the will of God? If we could really realize that we belong to Him, the delight of our hearts would be to do the things that God wants us to do.

### Yieldedness to God Is the Only Way to Happiness

I have discovered something over the years since I was in Bible school. I can look back to some of the young people who were in school with me. I know many of them had definite calls of God upon their lives. I have watched these people as the years have rolled by. And do you know who are the happy people today? They are those people who surrendered their lives to the Lord and let God have His way in their lives.

I remember there was a young lady in my class in Bible school. She was a very spiritual girl when she was in school, and everybody expected that she would make a good worker for the Lord. After she was out of school she went into the Lord's work for a little while; but then she did what others of our young ladies have done—she met an unsaved man and finally married him. She lived with him for a few years, but she was very unhappy. This husband would not even let her go to church. Later she divorced him, and still later married another unsaved man.

When I was pastor of a certain church, I found that this woman lived in that very town. My wife and I went and called on her and tried to get her to come to church. She did come sometimes on Sunday morning, but she would sit in the back of the church with a hard look on her face. When one of her former close friends came to hold meetings for us in the church, she told this worker, *"Life has nothing to offer me. My life is a failure, there's nothing in life for me*

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any more." This was a life which had been dedicated to the Lord, but taken out of His hands.

Sometimes we think God's way is the hard way, but we find that God's way is the best way. The life that decides to go its own way and not God's will be discouraged, unhappy, and have no outlook for the future. Because your life and my life are not our own, we are not henceforth (or no longer), to live unto ourselves, but unto Him who died and rose again. And thus our lives must be dedicated to the service of God.

#### **God Has a Place For Each One of Us**

God may not call us all into an active full-time ministry. We are discovering more and more in our Pentecostal movement that there is a lot of work to be done for the Lord beside the work that is done by ministers. We have found out that good laymen are as great a necessity as good preachers. Young people who will dedicate their lives to God, though they never go into the full-time ministry, can find places to witness for Christ.

Recently a non-Pentecostal Christian woman in my community, active in interdenominational work, called me and said she was in great sorrow, for she had just lost her husband. She said, "I thought if I could get your prayers, it would help so much." As I talked with her, I was amazed how she and many of her friends, though they never came to our church, looked upon us as having something—a spiritual something which they lacked. As she told me that, I was glad for what God has done in the baptism in the Holy Ghost. We do not need to be ashamed of it. We do not need to feel that because we are Pentecostal people, and some folks have frowned upon our speaking in tongues and our manifestations, that we need to be ashamed of it. We have something that God has given to us, and we want to hold on to it. And as our life is yielded to God and surrendered to Him, God will prepare us for a life of service and we will find a place of happiness.

#### **Appeal Made For Greater Use of the Bible**

Bible societies representing 25 nations this spring launched a simultaneous appeal to ministers of all Protestant denominations to take "immediate steps to recover through exposition, preaching, private and cooperate study, the understanding of the relevance of the Bible to the whole range of human life."

The appeal, which was composed at the council of the United Bible Societies in Ootacamund, India, in February, calls attention to the 150th anniversary of the Bible Society Movement, which will be observed in 1954, and suggests that the anniversary be the occasion of the increased effort.

The appeal is to be directed to all

## **Good Meetings and Good Response Are Appreciated**

To all points of the District people from our churches have returned to their home assemblies with the report that once again Bethany Park has been the site of another great camp meeting. The 1952 meeting was second to none of the glorious meetings that have preceded it. The ministry of the speakers, Brother W. I. Evans of Springfield and C. M. Ward of Bakersfield, was indeed a real uplift to those who were in the tabernacle services. Crowds in the prayer room evidenced the stir in many lives. The various guest speakers in the afternoon services likewise ministered under the anointing from on high, and they too were used of the Lord to the edifying of the saints.



**BROTHER W. I. EVANS** presenting one of his very edifying Bible studies during the camp meeting.

The missionary flavor that was in the meetings all through the camp and the special missionary service on the second Sunday afternoon did their part to help us all realize that we are in a great movement in action all around the world. The Women's Missionary Council and the C. A. Speed-the-Light added their portion in no small way, both with temporal help to missions and with spiritual inspiration to many who might forget but for these means.

The District office, as well as being happy in the success of the camp meeting, by the Lord's good grace, appreciates the response of the people to the presentation of the need for finances to meet the obligations assumed in the development of Bethany Park and Glad Tidings Bible Institute. The Saturday evening the special offering was taken, \$3,323.10 was received in that tabernacle service. Since then a little over \$1,000 more of the pledges have been paid in. This helps to meet the pressure that is the natural result of such a large development program. As more of the assemblies arrange their budgets to include a regular substantial offering to the development fund, there will be less need for the matter to come before camp meeting crowds. Until enough have done so, those whose responsibility it is to carry on the business of the District must call directly upon the generosity and kindness of those who are interested in this great work. Dear reader, be assured that all you have done and will do is greatly appreciated. May the Lord return to you good measure pressed down and running over. M. M.

American ministers through denominational channels.

"In the course of surveying the work of the Bible societies in many lands," the appeal sets forth, "the fact that the work and witness of the Church is being challenged in an unprecedented way, by forces throughout the world working against the will of God, has come home to us with a new reality and has brought us under a compelling conviction of God's command to do our part in meeting the crisis.

"We have been confronted as never before with the knowledge that nothing but the Incarnate Word of God, as revealed in the Scriptures, will suffice. We cannot, however, escape the conclusion that we Christians are not availing ourselves of all the riches of the written Word. We are constrained, therefore, to impart to you the sense of urgency which the Holy Spirit has laid upon us that everything should be done to restore

the Bible to its rightful place in the preaching, teaching and fellowship of the church and in the life of the family and of the individual believer.

Emphasis is laid on the fact "that the advance of literacy among the unprivileged has greatly increased the number of potential readers of the Bible." "The bankruptcy of so much of merely human achievement and endeavor has created a void in countless souls which only the Word of God can fill. We have evidence of a new readiness in the non-Christian world to listen to what the Bible has to say," the appeal points out.

"Say not, my soul, 'From whence  
Can God relieve my care?'  
Remember that Omnipotence  
Has servants everywhere.  
His methods are sublime  
His love supremely kind;  
God never is before His time,  
And never is behind."



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## The Blessed Dead

By W. T. Gaston

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."*  
—Rev. 14:13.

Throughout the Assemblies of God fellowship hearts were saddened by the home going of our beloved General Superintendent, Brother Steelberg. His burning zeal and strenuous labors proved too much for his tired heart, so he slipped quietly away from the great work into which he had poured the last full measure of devotion.

Brother Steelberg will long live in the hearts of full gospel believers throughout the world. He was a great preacher, a sincere servant of Christ and His church. The Assemblies of God especially will miss his warm-hearted leadership. But we sorrow not as others which have no hope. One day the trumpet will sound, what a day of reunion! If our hearts have been bowed down by this experience which reminds us once again that things which are seen are temporal and transitory, our believing souls are lifted up by spiritual experiences that relate and unite us with things that are unfading and eternal. Blessed be God!

Looking toward the future, I am reminded of a funeral that stands unique in the silent grandeur of the centuries. Moses, a great leader under God, took his last walk with his Lord, and his body was laid to rest in some secluded dell near Mount Pisgah's lofty heights. Standing somewhere in the shadows was another man, blessed with strong faith and courage and subdued by a sense of utter dependence, before whom the raging waters of the Jordan would roll back and impregnable walls would fall down flat.

Surely this is a time to lift our saddened hearts to the author and finisher of our faith and believe steadfastly in His unerring Lordship over all the affairs and the exigencies of the church militant.

"Yes, O yes, He understands; All His ways are best. Hear, O hear Him calling you, 'Come to me and rest.' Leave the unknown future in the Master's hands; Whether sad or joyful, Jesus understands."

Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the blossoms,  
Kind deeds are the fruits  
Of a Spirit-filled life.



BROTHER R. J. THURMOND in Germany. Fourth in the second row, he is shown with a group of visitors at Heidelberg Castle. At that period of his travels he was a guest of the James Duguids. Sister Duguid and her daughter are shown at his right. Chaplain Duguid is not present for the picture.

Brother Thurmond arrived back in the office July 26.

The following was omitted from page 122 of the 1952 yearbook, from the directory of associated churches. To complete the list, the ministers may clip the next four lines and paste them onto the proper page.

PALO ALTO, CALIF.—Gospel Lighthouse Church, 2846  
Middlefield Rd., phone Davenport 2-4068: Max W.  
Martindale, pastor, 580 Pomchita Way, Los Altos, phone  
Whitecliff 8-5806. Services: Sunday, Wednesday.

## Burden Bearers

The camel, at the close of day, kneels down upon the sandy plain, to have his burden lifted off—and rest again.

My soul, thou too, shouldst to thy knees when daylight draweth to a close, and have thy Lord lift off thy load and grant repose.

Else how canst thou tomorrow meet, with all tomorrow's work to do, if thou thy burden all the night dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day, to have his lord replace his load, then rise up anew to take the desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at morning's dawn, to have Him give thy daily care, assured that He no load too great will make thee bear.

## SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

### AUGUST

- 4—Manteca, Oakland (Grace)
- 11—Antioch, Point Arena
- 18—Sausalito
- 19—Burney
- 25—Capay-Orland (at Capay),  
Le Grand, Soledad

### SEPTEMBER

- 1—South Modesto Acres
- 8—Crockett, Dixon, Leggett,  
Newark
- 15—Benicia, Elko (15th and 16th)
- 22—Central Valley, Tranquillity,  
Watsonville (Pajaro)
- 23—Happy Camp





SEVERAL HUNDRED YOUNG PEOPLE crowded into the Redwood Bowl at Bethany Park for the Fourth-of-July-Speed-the-Light service, during camp meeting.



A VIVID PORTRAYAL OF A BIBLE STORY is presented to the young people by Bill McGarrahan at one of the vesper services.

## In Safe Harbor

I went one day into a great institution in the United States to speak to some old soldiers. When I came into the building, one of the chief officials told me about an old captain of the Marines who had lived there. It was just after one big battle, and this old captain was considered a bit of a hero. When he came, at the close of his life, to this institution, he was a skeptic and would never attend the religious services.

One day he became very ill, and this officer went into his room and said, Captain, why don't you read the Bible?" "Because I don't believe the Bible," answered the old man.

A few days later the officer came again, and said, "Captain, here is a Bible; if you find any place that you think you can believe mark it with red. If you read the Bible through and cannot find any such place, when I come next time, you tell me so."

The old captain asked, "Where shall I begin?" "Begin with the Gospel of John," replied the officer.

So the old man started to read through the Gospel of John. He read the first chapter, but did not make a mark. He read to the fifteenth verse of the third chapter, and never reached for his red pencil. But when he came to the sixteenth verse he took his pencil and marked that verse in red: "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

By the time we had come to this part of the story, we had reached the door of a room, and the officer who was telling the story opened the door and I stepped in. It was the room the old captain occupied, but it was now empty. Swinging

over the cot he had occupied was a cardboard anchor, and written across it in red was the sentence, "I have cast my anchor in Safe Harbor, thank God."

The old captain had gone to his eternal home, and the officer said, "wish you could have seen his Bible, but we have sent it to his daughter. There was scarcely a page in the whole Book that was not marked with red. He had come to believe it all."

What had wrought such a change? Not a minister, because he would not listen to him talking about Jesus. It was the Spirit of God. Never has a man or woman been converted in whom the Spirit of God did not do His work, convicting of sin, convincing of Jesus, lifting up the Saviour before the sinner's eyes, and then energizing him so he could take hold of Jesus by faith.

Receive Jesus into your own heart now, so you may enter Safe Harbor.

—A Christian

## Help Those Seeking

- I Explain what salvation is, using I John 1:9.
  - II Have him pray.
  - III Ask if he is forgiven.
  - IV Get him to thank God for sins forgiven.
  - V Get him to testify to another.
  - VI Counsel him:
    1. To read Bible daily.
    2. To pray in secret daily.
    3. To attend services regularly.
    4. To witness to others daily.
    5. To overcome temptation and sin. I John 2:1.
- (Other verses for study: Isaiah 53:6; John 1:12; Rom. 10:10; I Cor. 10:13.)

## Little Things

The little things that God hath made,  
Reveals His greatness true;  
And shows to men upon the earth  
What little things can do.

Four living things we have in mind,  
Though very small in size;  
According to the Word of God  
Are deemed exceeding wise.

The conies are a feeble folk,  
Not knowing right from wrong;  
But in the hills, among the rocks,  
They build their houses strong.

The ants are called a people weak,  
But yet they merit praise;  
By storing food in summer time  
To use in winter days.

The spider weaves a perfect web,  
Though much despised is she;  
Still oft she dwells in palaces,  
Where kings are wont to be.

The locusts ventures forth in bands,  
So mighty on the wing,  
And move in perfect unison,  
Although they have no king.

Of kings and queens and potentates  
In Scripture, we recall  
That Jesus said a little child,  
Was greater than them all.

—Lillie Buffum

Prayer is a golden key which should open the morning and lock up the evening.

We are not saved by our good works, but a saved person will do good works.

Blessed is the man who is too clever to be deceived by his own alibis.



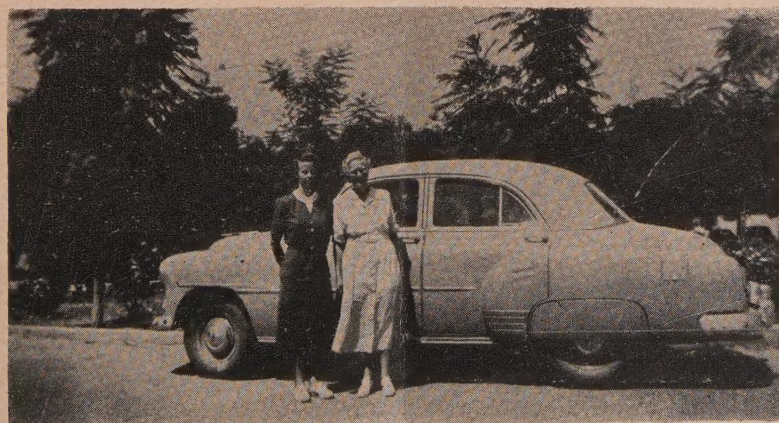
## Why God Spoils Our Plans

Sir James Thornhill painted the cupola of that world-famous structure, St. Paul's Cathedral in London. He was compelled to work while standing on a swinging scaffold far above the pavement. One day when he had finished a detail on which he had spent several days of painstaking effort, he stopped and began to estimate his work. So well had he succeeded that he was lost in wonder and admiration. As he stood there gazing at the structure, he began to move backward slowly in order to get a better view, forgetting where he was. A man who was with him became suddenly aware that one more backward step would mean a fatal fall. Quick as a flash he made with his own brush a sweeping stroke across the picture. The abstracted artist stopped and rushed forward, crying out in anger and dismay; but when his companion explained his strange action the great artist burst into expressions of gratitude.

Some day we shall thank God for every loss sustained in this life, for every shattered idol, for every disrupted plan.

### THE WAY OF BLESSING

If I forget from day to day  
To pause upon my busy way  
And think with love and gratitude  
About life's heritage of good,  
Or if I fail to keep my hour  
Of prayer for wisdom, strength and power,  
Then I miss much God meant to give  
For my enrichment while I live.  
If I refuse to share my good  
With others in true brotherhood,  
I block the plans of God to bless  
And fill my heart with happiness.  
God, grant to me a gracious mind  
Let all my thoughts be true and kind  
To keep me friendly every day  
So you can always bless my way. Sel.



MRS. ALBERTA DANIELS and her daughter Elaine are shown with their Speed-the-Light car in Ica, Peru. Elaine writes that they make many trips to communities in the mountains. They almost got stuck crossing a river at an altitude of 14,000 feet—but they made it. Police summoned to stop them from distributing gospel literature became interested and purchased some for himself.

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### PERFECT LOVE

Slow to suspect—quick to trust  
Slow to condemn—quick to justify  
Slow to offend—quick to defend  
Slow to expose—quick to shield  
Slow to reprimand—quick to forbear  
Slow to belittle—quick to appreciate  
Slow to demand—quick to give  
Slow to provoke—quick to conciliate  
Slow to hinder—quick to help  
Slow to resent—quick to forgive.

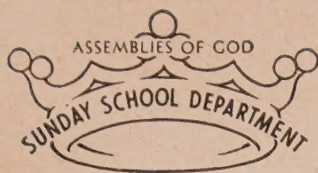
—Herald of Holiness

### I Met the Master

I had walked life's way with an easy tread,  
Had followed where comfort and pleasures led,  
Until one day in a quiet place  
I met the Master face to face.  
With station and rank and wealth for my goal,  
Much thought for my body but none for my soul,  
I had entered to win in life's race,  
When I met the Master face to face.  
I met Him and knew Him and blushed to see  
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me,  
And I faltered and fell at His feet that day,  
While my castles melted and vanished away.  
Melted and vanished, and in their place,  
Naught else did I see but the Master's face;  
And I cried aloud, "Oh, make me meet  
To follow the steps of Thy wounded feet."  
My thought is now for the souls of men;  
I have lost my life to find it again,  
E'er since one day in a quiet place  
I met the Master face to face.

A blind man can't see where he is going. A deceived man can't go where he is seeing.





L. W. SUTER  
District Sunday  
School Director

## Romans 12:1

By Charles Finney

# Another Side of Sunday School Contests

By Doris Barnes, Redwood City

On the second Sunday of our contest with two other churches there appeared an article in the *Pentecostal Evangel* about Sunday school contests. Several people asked my opinion of the article. I felt that the author was right almost one hundred per cent, but our contest was a different one. What made this one different? It must have been our attitude.

As a Sunday school teacher I never felt so keenly my responsibility. I hope I prayed when we had other contests; but if so, it was feeble in comparison to the time and fervency spent in prayer for this one. I believe this speaks as well for the rest of our Sunday school staff. The number on our roll was the secondary objective. Our primary aim was to win souls to Christ.

In our Thursday morning prayer meetings special emphasis was laid upon the fact that our chief concern was not to win in numbers only, but to win people to the Sunday school and to the church who were not attending the house of God.

We will have to admit there was a little extra confusion the first two Sundays, but we prayed about that, worked on the difficulties, and the confusion was practically eliminated the last four Sundays.

There was fervency of prayer that the presence of Jesus would be felt from youngest to oldest, and I'm sure this prayer was answered.

During this contest we had teachers meetings often, and those in charge

urged us to give a salvation message every Sunday as some may be reached only this once with the gospel.

The zeal of our leaders inspired others to work. God was in this until we could feel it. Absolute strangers came with only one invitation. Many who had been trying to get their neighbors to church for years succeeded with only one invitation. People who never go to church or Sunday school never missed a Sunday throughout the contest and say they are coming regularly from now on. Unsaved parents felt an unusual obligation for their children not to miss a single Sunday. We know this was of the Lord, as we have not found this true to this extent in other contests.

On the final morning our head deacon stopped cars going by the church and invited the people in. Strangers did come in. Hallelujah! What could accomplish this but the moving of the Spirit of God in answer to our prayers.

A Junior teacher had two girls saved in her class this morning. Was it worth our efforts? Of course we haven't heard and won't know the final results until eternity. If any took offense we have not heard of it, but many good reports have come to our hearing.

Some from denominational churches stayed for the morning service and reported that they found it most inspiring.

On the last day of our contest we were filled to overflowing with joy and gratitude when in the morning service eight raised their hands for prayer expressing their need of personal experience with

There are many who profess to be followers of Christ who are willing to do almost anything in religion that does not require self-denial. But when they are called to do any thing that requires them to deny themselves, that is too much. They think they are doing a great deal for God, and doing about as much as He ought to ask in reason, if they are only doing what they can do about as well as not. But they are not willing to deny themselves any comfort or convenience whatever for the sake of serving the Lord.

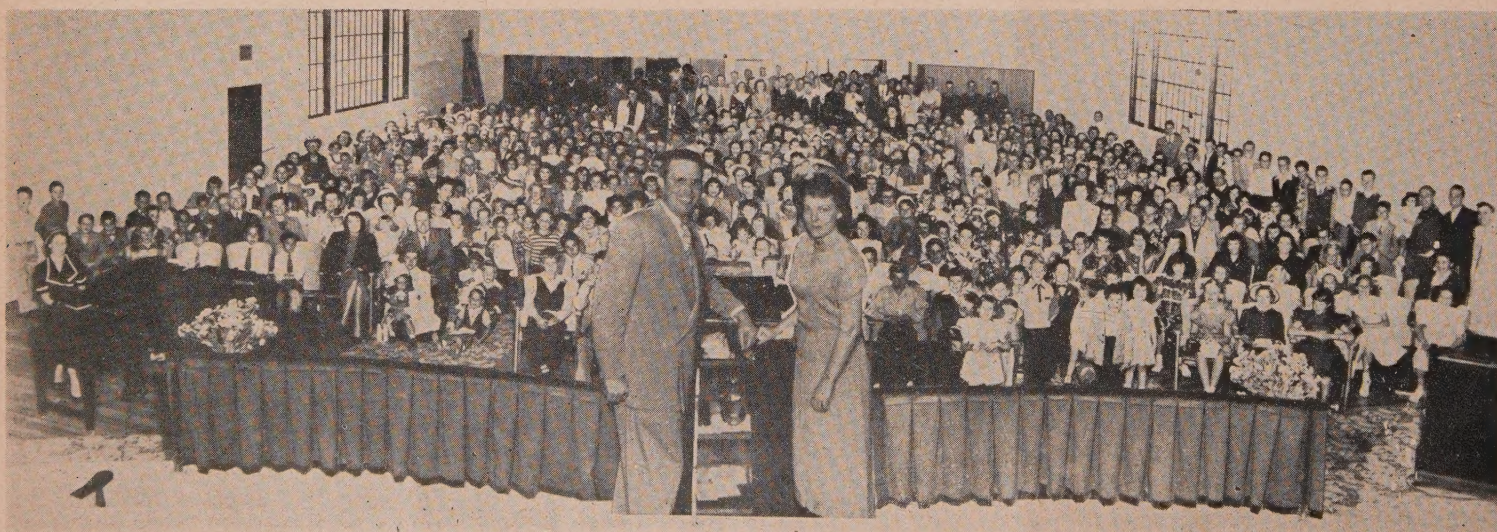
They will not willingly suffer reproach for the name of Christ. Nor will they deny themselves the luxuries of life to save a world from hell. So far are they from remembering that self-denial is a condition of discipleship that they do not know what self-denial is! They never have really denied themselves a meal or a night's sleep for Christ and for the gospel.

Some are giving of their abundance and are giving much, and are ready to complain that others do not give more, when in truth, they do not give anything that they need, anything that they could enjoy if they kept it. They only give of their surplus wealth; and perhaps that poor woman who puts in twelve cents at the monthly meeting has exercised more self-denial than they have in giving thousands.

Jesus. In the evening service a dear old mother found Christ as her Saviour.

I feel that though our number exceeded that of the other two churches we did not win this contest—it was a victory for Jesus.

**Below: The Sunday school attendance in the Redwood City Assembly the day they won the contest. Pastor and Mrs. W. P. Steelberg are at the pulpit.**





# Missions

## Peru

### The Daniels

(Sister Alberta Daniels and her daughter Elaine are busy again at their station, Ica, Peru.)

Just a few weeks ago we went on a visit to Nasca, about 85 miles to the south, and, without expecting to, opened up the work there with a small group of faithful believers. We don't have a very good hall, but by doing personal work we trust the Lord will bring in new people. Two have already accepted the Lord and are witnessing to others.

About the time the work in Nasca was opened we began meetings in Palpa, a small town between here and Nasca. We spent a number of days there going from house to house. Finally a man, though not converted, offered to let us use the front room of his home once a week for meetings. This is not satisfactory, but the best we can do for the present, for there are no houses to rent. It is a large room, dirt floor, and only eight chairs. A number of people come inside, while others listen attentively at the door. Already several have accepted the Lord.

The church here in Ica bought a piece of property in a new settlement. Not very large, it is a good way out, but was the best we could do. A few days ago we heard of another piece for sale, closer to town, larger, and in a wonderful location. The people voted to sell the first property and buy the larger piece. It seemed impossible to get the extra money needed, \$500, which is a small fortune here. In a recent night service, one said he would lend a thousand soles. All the rest gave. Nearly everyone gave something. Even poor servant girls pledged a good part of a month's wages. The Catholic church is selling the property through an agent who doesn't oppose any religion. We trust nothing hinders. We need prayer for the money to be supplied for the property and building, as well as that the license to build a church will be granted without delay. This will be the first Protestant church built in Ica.

## Former G. T. B. I. Faculty

### Member Goes to Mission Field

Brother Ernest Sjoberg, a member of Glad Tidings Bible Institute faculty the last year the school was in San Francisco, with his wife and small son, sailed July 13 from San Francisco for the Philippines. He has gone to join the staff of the Bible school in Manila. For the past two years the Sjobergs have been in the Middle West.

No man can think much of Christ until he thinks little of himself.

Once the will of God was to me a sigh, but now it has become a song.—*Havergal*

## Put It First

### The Bible Puts It First

The first message at the birth of Christ was a missionary message. Luke 2:10.

The first prayer Christ taught was the first missionary prayer, Matt. 6:10.

The first disciple, Andrew, was the first missionary. John 1:41.

The first apostolic sermon was a missionary sermon. Acts 2:17-39

Christ's greatest reason for Christian love was a missionary reason. John 15:35

The first coming of Christ was a missionary work. Luke 6:18, 21

The second coming of Christ is to be hastened by missionary work. Matt. 24:14

Our Saviour's last wish on earth was a missionary wish. Matt. 28:19

And the last wish of the departing Saviour should be the first wish of His waiting people.

## A Prayer

O God, may the life I offer Thee be an acceptable sacrifice in Thy most holy sight. Make me a true athlete of Jesus Christ, to suffer and to conquer. An anvil, Lord—let me be an anvil, smitten but standing firm. Amen.—Polycarp.

Wherever you ripe fields behold,

Waving to God their sheaves of gold,  
Be sure some corn or wheat has died,

Some soul has there been crucified;  
Someone has suffered, wept, and prayed  
And fought hell's legions undismayed.



**THE MISSIONARY PROCESSION**, which opened the missionary service of the camp meeting, was of great interest to the tabernacle congregation. Missionaries and their children wore the costumes of the countries in which they serve.

## Glad Tidings Bible Institute

### They Teach Our Youth

This month we present . . .



The Forrest Beisers.

While he is not yet actually serving at Glad Tidings, Brother Forrest Beiser has accepted the call and expects to begin ministering in September. Brother Beiser is by no means a stranger to Glad Tidings, for he is one of our own graduates (class of '49), and has been active in the District for several years. At present he is music director at Bethel Temple in Turlock, and the District C. A. Secretary-Treasury.

Brother Beiser was born in Colorado, but he grew up in Portland, Oregon. His parents were Pentecostal Christians; so that he came to know the Lord early in life. After high school and three years of service in the U. S. Navy, (during which time he was called to the ministry and filled with the Spirit) he entered Glad Tidings and completed the regular three-year course. Since Bible School graduation he has been steadily advancing his education by studies in college at Modesto and Fresno.

In December 1951, Brother Beiser was married to Miss Ollie Brenda of Turlock. Sister Beiser is a graduate of CBI, and had been in the ministry in various capacities prior to her marriage.

At Glad Tidings, Brother Beiser is slated to teach Music and English, though the exact details of his courses are yet to be announced.

Both students and faculty are looking forward in pleasant anticipation to Brother Beiser's ministry at Glad Tidings, and all prospects assure that he will prove a real blessing to us all.

—L. T. H.

Never speak evil of a man if you do not know it for a certainty; then ask yourself, "Why should I tell it?"



# Here and There

**ALTURAS**—The Shasta section fellowship meeting was held there June 17. Though the crowd was small, it was reported to be a good day of blessing and fellowship. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Glen Ayers of Tulelake. Pastor Albert Rowley of Weed brought the evening message. The pastor in Alturas is Glen Wakefield, formerly of the Oregon District.

**BLUE LAKE**—Pastor James Durkin has resigned to accept the pastorate of the church in Fairfield.

**BOONVILLE**—Pastor R. J. Boyd reports: "Evangelist Claude Wood held us a good ten-day meeting the first part of June. Many souls were revived and refreshed and we were sorry that he could not be with us longer."

**BURNEY**—Sister Rosemary Murphy, the sectional chairman, reports that the C.A.'s of that area had an outdoor afternoon service at Burney Memorial Day. Pastor Paul Callahan of Lookout brought the message. A water baptismal service followed the afternoon meeting. A fellowship supper then preceded the evening service, which was held indoors. Pastor Harold Byram of Redding was the evening speaker. The pastor in Burney is J. H. Creel. He reports seven saved and two filled with the Spirit in the regular services in recent weeks.

**CHOWCHILLA (Alamo)**—Brother H. E. Barnard, formerly of Biola, is the new pastor. He succeeds Brother O. C. Kitchens, who has gone to Dos Palos.

**COVELO**—Bringing to a close two and a half years of ministry in this Mendocino community, Sister Bernice Mast has resigned as pastor and returned to the evangelistic field. Sister Oleta Webb, her assistant, joins her in the new work. Brother Donald North, formerly of Greenville, is the new pastor, assuming his duties there July 15.

**DOS PALOS**—Brother O. C. Kitchens has been called to be the pastor of an assembly which meets at the Dos Palos Y, where a settlement has developed at the junction of Highways 152 and 33.

**FAIRFIELD**—After many years as pastor of the assembly in Fairfield, Pastor Carl R. Tucker has resigned. Brother James Durkin, who has been in Blue Lake, is the new pastor.

**GILROY**—Brother J. W. Belchar, having served the church for the past four years, has resigned as pastor. Brother and Sister Belchar left early in July for the state of Washington. The new pastor in Gilroy is Elmer E. Stump, a former pastor of Morgan Hill. He has been in evangelistic work the past year. The Coast Counties fellowship meeting was held there June 23. Brother E. R. Gomes was the evening speaker.

**GUSTINE**—The South San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there June 23. Pastor Roy George of Biola was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Pastor Rayford Aderholt of Modesto. The pastor in Gustine is H. C. Vancil.

**HIGHWAY CITY**—Brother J. L. Jeffrey has resigned as pastor to go to the Pittsburg Assembly.

**KERMAN**—The new pastor is Brother T. E. Fourt, formerly of Sandpoint, Idaho. He succeeds Brother J. C. Snyder, who has gone to Merced.

**KLAMATH**—Pastor N. R. Ingram reports: "Just closed a six-weeks meeting with Evangelist Earl Henderson of Oroville. Many came to the altar, some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the church was built up, and the blessing of the Lord continues in a wonderful way."

**LAS VEGAS**—Pastor Thomas G. Sutton reports: "May 30 was a day to be long remembered by the members of Trinity Assembly of God Church. On this day the fulfillment of a dream of many years took place, as the new church was dedicated that afternoon. Guest speakers were Superintendent W. T. Gaston and Assistant Superintendent Kenneth Haystead. The new church building has become a reality in this city, which so many consider so wicked, because of the faithfulness and willingness to work and the sacrifice of the people who worship the Lord in the old-fashioned way. Although not exceptionally large, the building of cement block and stucco has a seating capacity of 200 or more, and it has a full basement with Sunday school rooms and C. A. auditorium. The green walls and off-tone green trim and natural birch woodwork give a pleasant welcome to all who attend the services. The indirect lighting is soft and efficient in every part of the auditorium. The rose colored opera chairs add a touch of beauty which has been the subject of favorable comment by visiting friends. The building has been constructed almost entirely by volunteer labor, and at the present there is an indebtedness of only \$5000. Credit for much of the present work must be given to the former pastor, Brother John F. Green, who purchased the site and started the construction of the basement."

**LEGGETT**—The new pastor is John C. Franklin, succeeding Brother J. O. Epper-son.

**LOVELOCK** — The Nevada fellowship meeting was held there June 16. The afternoon and evening speakers respectively were Pastor Wesley P. Steelberg of Redwood City and Pastor Mark A. Hinman of Sunnyvale. The pastor in Lovelock is Ralph Ross.

**MCKINLEYVILLE**—Pastor Charles Kerner reports having an unusually good vacation Bible school in June conducted by

Evangelist Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw. There were 140 in attendance and 41 at the altar for salvation.

**PITTSBURG**—Brother J. L. Jeffrey, formerly of Highway City, is the new pastor of the Assembly at Harbor and Santa Fe Streets. Brother and Sister Megna are returning to the evangelistic field.

**PLYMOUTH**—Brother Fred D. Bowers is the new pastor. The former pastor is W. V. Baker.

**RIO DELL**—Evangelist Earl F. Davis began a meeting there early in July. The pastor is W. L. Trumbo.

**RIPON**—Brother D. G. Lewis of Ogden, Utah, has been chosen to be the new pastor to succeed Brother Murray G. Wharton.

**RODEO** — Pastor L. E. Cruncleton of Bethel Tabernacle now has a Sunday radio broadcast. The program may be heard each Sunday from 2:02 to 2:30 p.m. over KECC, 990 kc, Pittsburg.

**SAN FRANCISCO (Calvary)** — Pastor and Mrs. T. F. Sandry report: "Evangelist Z. P. Miller recently concluded three weeks of special meeting at Calvary Tabernacle. The blessing of the Lord was upon all the services, and two young men were saved."

**SANTA ROSA (Wright District)** — The Full Gospel Church on Leddy Avenue had a camp meeting of its own from July 19 to 27. Pastor Viola N. Griggs arranged for tents and meals for those who attended.

**SEASIDE**—Pastor Carroll J. Hodges reports that one was saved and the church was refreshed during the three weeks of revival meetings Evangelist E. G. Kenedy held in June in the Assembly on Maple Street.

**SEASIDE (Faith Tabernacle)** — Pastor Ralph Ware reports: "Our new church, which was opened Easter Sunday, has had an average attendance of 43 in Sunday school."

**SONORA**—In early June Brother Edwin Cole of Southern California was chosen to be the new pastor. The former pastor, Raymond Lockwood, went to Riverbank.

**STIRLING CITY**—Brother Kenneth Roper reports that 27 were saved in a week of children's evangelistic services in June. These meetings were supplemented by a Workers' Training Course. The second week of special meetings were regular revival services. Two were saved and one was baptized with the Holy Spirit. Brother Roper will be a senior student at GTBI this coming school year.

**SUNNYVALE**—While Pastor Mark Hinman was on vacation and away from the church for a month, Brother E. R. Gomes supplied the pulpit.

**SUSANVILLE**—Pastor Kenneth R. Carney reports: "Very gratifying results in the recent three and a half weeks of meetings with Evangelist Wilbur A. Henry. The attendance was good, and many responded to the call for salvation, including a Jewish couple. There were several outstanding healings."

**WEED**—Pastor Albert Rowley reports: "We have just closed a grand three weeks' of revival meetings with Evangelist C. O.



## EAST BAY MISSIONARY CONVENTION

OCTOBER 13 and 14

OAKLAND CIVIC AUDITORIUM

10th and Fallon Streets

Speaker: **KENNETH SHORT**  
Springfield, Mo.

Though it is the East Bay section which is sponsoring this annual missionary convention, the North Bay and Peninsula sections are joining in the effort to make this gathering an occasion of profit and blessing.

The Christ's Ambassadors and Women's Missionary Council groups are participating with the ministerial fellowship in the promotion of this great convention.

### New Arrival

Evangelist and Mrs. Leonard Miller welcomed their first child into their home June 13. They have named their daughter Verna Ruth.

FOR SALE in Bethany Park: 2-bedroom home. Hardwood floors, electric heaters, rock fireplace with heatalator, water softener. On the hill, beautiful view of Scotts Valley. Fred D. Carter, 515 Pisgah Heights Drive, Route 1, Santa Cruz. Phone 99-J-11.

Wood. The church has been greatly blessed. There were some backsliders who came to the Lord, and there was a number of healings."



THE TRINITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD in Las Vegas, Nevada, was the winner of a Sunday school contest with its neighbor assembly, the church in Hawthorne. In Nevada's wide open spaces neighbors can be as distant as 300 miles as are these two assemblies. In May, 1951, the average Sunday school attendance in the Las Vegas church was 85; by May of 1952 the average had grown to 148. The pastor is Thomas G. Sutton. (See Las Vegas in "Here and There.")

## Busy In Germany

(Leaving a few days before the close of school, Brother Joseph Wilderman and Ben Kummerfeld, former faculty members of GTBI, hurried to Germany to spend a full summer and fall in evangelistic services. Both speak German; so can reach the people directly. The following is from a letter written by Brother Wilderman, from Hamburg.)

After arriving here in Germany, we had a few meetings in the Hamburg area and then traveled to Stuttgart to meet with Brothers Perkin and Webb, who came via Germany on their way to the London conference. In our conference it was decided that the Assemblies of God would not create another Pentecostal organization, but would channel their efforts in co-ordination with a couple of the larger co-operative groups here.

After the conference we went to northern Germany to conduct a two-weeks tent campaign. We had the joy of seeing souls saved in those meetings.

Upon our return to Hamburg we found Brother Thurmond waiting for us. It was a delight to see him and show him around the town. He left for Berlin yesterday morning. From there he will go to Stuttgart, then to Switzerland, then to Rome, then to Paris, and home.

We have many doors open to us for ministry. Anyone who speaks German will find more openings than he can take. Brothers Ruff and Herman have asked us to remain in Hamburg to assist them in the tent work here. God is saving souls, healing the sick, and baptizing believers with the Holy Ghost. We are expecting God to do a great work in this city of two million people.

## Personal Mention

ALBERT J. LEBECK, who is vice-president of the California-Nevada Gideons, was sent as a delegate to the Gideon International convention at St. Louis, Missouri, July 23 to 27.

Sister RACHEL DUGID, with the three children, arrived in Frankfort, Germany, June 18 to be with her husband JAMES DUGUID, Army Chaplain. The Duguids expect to be there for about two years. Brother R. J. THURMOND accompanied Brother Duguid back to Frankfort from the London Conference and was a guest in their home for a few days while he visited nearby points.

Brother LOYD DECKER has been spending the summer in the Middle West in evangelistic meetings. He reports several saved and filled with the Spirit during a campaign in Sedan, Kansas, in June.

Brother ALLEN J. BROWN of Turlock will appreciate prayer in his behalf. Neck injuries in an auto accident include one vertebrae broken, several cracked, and some bones chipped. He is home from the hospital.

Sister LOUISE HARLAND has joined Sisters MILDRED JAMES and AGNES RODLI in McGrath, Alaska. They are conducting vacation Bible schools in some of the interior villages of Alaska.

Evangelist E. G. ESKELIN held a revival campaign in Amarillo, Texas, in June.

FRANK W. SMITH, chaplain in the Air Force, is now stationed at Keesler Air Base, Mississippi, his first assignment since his return from Germany.

Pastor J. L. JEFFREY of Pittsburg offers to visit service men at Camp Stoneman. Those who wish to send him the names of young men they wish contacted by a minister may send him their names. His address is 127 McArthur Ave., Pittsburg, Phone 2-4242.

## Wedding Bells

Saturday afternoon, July 5, Blanche Rose Zicaro became the bride of Michael Saviak of San Francisco. The wedding was in the First Baptist Church, near the Zicaro home. The bride is a recent graduate of GTBI, and was newly licensed. The young couple plan to enter the work of the ministry together.

Calvin R. Zeissler and Olive Carol Brecto were united in marriage Saturday evening, July 19, in the Presbyterian Stone Church in San Jose. The Zeisslers plan to go to the Philippines as missionaries as soon as arrangements can be completed.



# Many Aspects of W. M. C. Work

## Large Display at Camp Meeting

That "it is more blessed to give than to receive" was truly demonstrated this year as a large class room in GTBI was filled with lovely, colorful and useful gifts for the missionaries. Though we had more space than ever before, boxes and boxes had to be held back for later display, until after missionary day, when the missionaries could take what they could use for themselves and families and others on their stations. The sentiments of all were expressed by one who said: "You mean we can help ourselves to these lovely things? This has never before happened to me!"

Another camp meeting has become history and everyone who attended the Women's Missionary Council How-to-do-it workshop and saw the WMC display of lovely handwork couldn't help but be inspired with many new ideas for making things that help to make life more pleasant for our co-workers on the field. Missionaries were given gifts from the display, and the boys and girls were made happy with bright sport shirts, pretty dresses, dolls made from calico, stockings and plastic, toy animals made from fur cloth coats and plastic materials. Of special interest and comment was "Louie, the Laborer," a notion doll brought by the Santa Rosa WMC for the orphanage in Mexico. The things contained in the pair of man's coveralls were valued at over \$89.

The How-to-do-it workshop was a real success. It was voted to have it again next year or plan a five-day retreat for women only where lessons could be given in arts and handcraft along with devotions, prayer and spiritual refreshing.

Textile painting was demonstrated by Sister Elizabeth Hemmy, Sister Vancil and her daughter Ina Rae, showing how to use stencils (and make them) to paint all kinds colorful decorations from a happy penguin on a baby's crib to flowers and edgings on a sport skirt or on household articles.

Various kinds of rugs were shown by Mrs. E. Everett of Los Gatos. Multi-colored knitted round rugs (very simple and easy to make, she said) made of nylon stockings and used jersey dresses, and bright cotton strips braided on a loom brought many comments. This looked hard, but Joanne Thurmond showed how she could do it with one hand—her left at that.

Beautiful nylon corsages were displayed, and flowers were made by Sister Mae Johnson of Pittsburg. There were Oh's and Ah's as the dainty petals of wire and dyed nylon stockings were fastened in place. There were sprays and single flowers, large and small, in pastel hues.

Flannel-board backgrounds, painted with art chalk and sprayed with plastic paint, made by Sister Glenora McMillan were on display. Mrs. Maurine Isaacs showed a background with extra pieces which she had been using for 20 years in children's work which were kept fresh and bright with occasional touching up. Mrs. Martha Hall of Salinas displayed some real works of art in oils and gave a lovely scenic flannel background to a missionary. It was a combination of chalk work and textile painting. She said they were easy to make and encouraged us all by saying any of us could do the

same with a few lessons. Sister L. W. Suter showed a simple background made of different pieces of colored material and beautiful cut-out pictures she had gathered from a few picture rolls. These are so effective in teaching children at home and adults on the mission field. There is an unlimited amount of sets needed which can be made by our WMCs.

Another worthwhile project which is inexpensive and every WMC can do is making folders for the Sunday school cut-outs that come with the Sunday school lessons used by most teachers. All folders are marked on the outside showing lesson number and important characters and at the end of the quarter all are placed in a large folder which can be made of heavy wrapping paper on the sewing machine or purchased at a dime store. The teachers quarterly and any other helps can be put in the folder and it is ready then to be sent to a missionary or a Bible school where workers can use them to teach the lessons in village work. Backgrounds on 27-inch flannel are needed for these. We already have orders for a large number of beginners, primary, junior and some intermediate lessons to be sent overseas and for missionaries now on furlough who want them to take back to their fields.

The Soul Winner's Guide which can be purchased from our national office for 43 cents each can be used in WMC meetings for Scripture memory work and teaching personal work. Brother Arthur Lindvall gave out small cards which explained the different definite steps to take in winning a soul for the Lord. Copies are available from this office.

We heard the personal testimony of a WMC president who has been doing home visitation work in her town since the Lord gave her a definite call to personal work. Her testimony was as thrill-



WMC HANDWORK filled a large classroom as the things were placed on display during the camp meeting. It was all given away to missionaries, home and foreign. Mrs. R. J. Thurmond is shown at the right. Mrs. Fern Murray, left, was her assistant for the two weeks.



THE MISSIONARY FAIR IN SUNNYVALE June 22 focused the attention of everyone in the church on the worth and scope of WMC activities. Pastor Mark Hinman and Mrs. Behlen, WMC president of the First Assembly of God of Sunnyvale, are shown beside the large revolving crepe-paper globe with the map of the world outlined upon it. Articles made by the local ladies were displayed on either side.



ing as that of a foreign missionary, and we were inspired by her enthusiasm and the report of those who had received the light of salvation and healing under her ministry.

Mrs. Nellie Miller, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for California-North, gave some enlightening information regarding the liquor and drug traffics.

We heard music first hand from an Hawaiian service by tape recorder, and delightful specials were enjoyed as little Maile Procter and her little friend Elizabeth sang "Yes, Jesus Loves Me" in five different languages, accompanying themselves on ukeleles. The three little Pipkin girls sang one evening and eight of the Cheerbringers (junior girls) from First Assembly in Santa Cruz sang and told of their missionary work for the Lord. Marc Cooper, 12, gave us a piano solo; and his sister, Joyce, played her accordion. These children are accompanying their parents to Central America. Let's remember them in prayer.

Our district project, a washing machine, for Brother and Sister James Baker and family in Hongkong has been ordered. Around \$100 has been received on it at the present writing. There are other projects we would like to help with; so will the secretaries continue to send in tithes of local offerings?

Missionaries visiting camp were: Brother and Sister Walter Erickson of Lima, Peru, and their two boys; Sister Bernice Procter from Maui, T. H., her daughter, Maile, and little friend Elizabeth; Brother and Sister Arthur Lindvall from Central America and their four children; Brother and Sister Paul Cooper and their three children preparing for Central America; Brother and Sister Dillingham and two children and Brother and Sister F. A. Merian, all from India; Brother and Sister Wheeler Anderson and two children from Gold Coast, West Africa; Brother and Sister Al Morrison and two girls from Oahu, T. H.; Lorene Thompson, who is going to India; Ray Pedigo just returned from Japan; Sister Inez Kreiss from India; Brother and Sister Paul Pinkin and three girls from China and the Philippines; Sister Lucille Headrick and Betty Chang from Oahu, T. H.; and Brother and Sister Eric Johnson, just returned from Africa; also Sister Lena Hendon who is going to Pago Pago, American Samoa, to assist in the work there.

Sister Marion Minogue, our secretary-treasurer was greatly missed, not only her presence, but her inimitable way of always lifting our hearts to the Lord in praise and worship as she directs our minds to Him in devotion and worship, admonishing us to ALWAYS put prayer first. Sister Fern Murray of Santa Cruz will be helping temporarily in Sister Minogue's place. We appreciate her untiring efforts and interest in the WMC.

As the memories of the happy faces,

## Some Things I Need

One of these days I must go shopping. I am completely out of self-respect. I want to exchange some self-righteousness I picked up the other day for some humility which they say is less expensive and wears better. I want to look at some tolerance which is being used for wraps this season. Someone showed me some pretty samples of peace. We are a little low on that and one can never have too much. And, by the way, I must try to match some patience that my neighbor wears. It is very becoming to her and I think it might look well on me. I might try on that little garment of long-suffering they are displaying. I never thought I wanted to wear it, but I feel myself coming to it. Also, I must not forget to have my sense of appreciating mended and to look for some inexpensive everyday goodness. It is surprising how quickly one's stock of good is depleted. Sel.

## The Things We Do Not Know

There is never life so pleasant

But the roses hold their thorn,

And above the morning sunshine

Is the shadow of the storm.

Good and bad are strangely mingled;

Wheat and tares together grow,

But we have to trust the Saviour

For the things we do not know.

Good and bad are strangely mingled;

Poison lurks among the flowers,

Life and death clasp hands together,

Sorrow comes in happiest hours.

Pain's the common lot of mortals;

After pleasure, tears will flow,

But we have to trust the Saviour

For the things we do not know.

He that watches, waits and lingers

For His loved ones in the ground,

Shall He clasp their loving fingers

When the wondrous trump shall sound?

Shall He meet them, hear their voices,

Where the tear-drops never flow?

It is sweet to trust the Saviour

For the things we do not know.

—Author Unknown

Principles, however right, will never take the place of communion with God.

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Those who spend enough time on their knees will have no trouble standing on their feet.

the heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the missionaries and the consciousness of pleasing Him linger with us, we are glad for our WMC Scripture: "What your hands find to do, do it with thy might;" and our motto: "We minister as unto Christ." Truly they were demonstrated here at camp and we give thanks to God.

MRS. R. J. THURMOND,  
President.

## No Place To Sin

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was done on Calvary for you and me, we can do nothing save give our all to Him, in holy living, a sacrifice unto our God! How we should praise our Saviour for that work done on Calvary! It is through Christ that the new creature has redemption. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7).

Many of us have too long regarded sin lightly. Let us believe in separation unto God, for it is in separation that God expects us to live. Separation from sin unto God. Further, it is impossible to separate from sin without separating unto God. The story is told of the boy playing in a large mud puddle on two boards, one of his feet on each board, and standing up he would float from one side to the other in the puddle. All went well until he lost his ~~balance~~ on one trip across and the boards began to spread wider and wider apart until his little legs were spread wide, the boards tipping dangerously. It was then the little fellow separated himself from one board, but that did not suffice and he splashed into the muddy puddle. You see, he separated from the one board, but he failed to separate to the other. Unless we separate entirely from sin, and entirely unto God, the result will be a nasty baptism into the unsavory things of Satan and finally a lost soul.

Let us recall that as we mature as Christians and find ourselves deepening in the Word and in our Christian experience, this spiritual deepening and maturing comes in various ways. For example, continually dwelling in the Spirit, rather than in the natural carnal self, will purify us, even as He is pure. "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." (Rom. 8:5, 9). If the Spirit of Christ dwells in us, and that Spirit does dwell within the new creature, we are become spiritually minded, bringing life and peace. However, if we live in the flesh (in sin) the Spirit of Christ dwelleth not within us and we are become lost and recorded as none of His. Such a thought should solemnize our playful attitude toward sin and our light attitude toward dwelling in the carnal. We have no right to dwell in anything save the spiritual! We have no right to have any other mind save a purified, holy, consecrated, spiritual mind and heart. Let us dwell in the Spirit of God and grow.

W. M. C. Treasurer's Note:

Until further notice send W. M. C. remittances to Mrs. Thurmond, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz.



# Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## Filmless Camera

An announcement out of Hollywood reveals the development of motion picture images on magnetic tape. That means picture plus sound will both be recorded magnetically on tape. No film will be required. The cost of tape is reported to be one tenth that of film. The new method also cuts down in the cost of processing film. A magnetic tape can be played back immediately, but it may be played and re-played indefinitely without the loss of quality in image or sound. Another feature of this development will be that one could record television programs and keep them like we do tape recordings of radio broadcasts.

As science begins to develop new equipment each time they verify and substantiate the ability of God to be able to record our deeds and words.

## Super Bombers

A recent release stated that the three big B-52 jet bombers now being built will cost \$68,000,000 apiece. . . This is a revelation of the tremendous increase in the cost of armament. A plane like that could be lost and cost us more than the damage it could work on the enemy. However, these costs will be reduced as they get into mass production.

## T V Crimes

A recent survey in Los Angeles, stated that 852 major crimes, including 167 murders, were served to one million children who tuned to the television program in one week. Such 'delightful' food for the soul and mind of our youth.

## China Liquidation

Chiang Kai-Shek has stated that he has compiled statistics showing the Chinese Reds liquidated more than five million men between October 1, 1949 and February 1, 1952. Since then he estimates the figures have become several times greater.

## Russia Self-Bomb

Senator Brien McMahon, chairman of the joint congressional committee on atomic energy, recently stated in the New York Times Sunday magazine that there is danger that the Russians might drop an A-Bomb on one of their own cities and thereby accuse the United States of striking first and placing the moral blame upon the West. This would also have the same effect upon Russia as Pearl Harbor had upon America; to consolidate and rally their people to the support of their leaders against the enemy. When nations are in danger of internal revolt, they many times attack their neighbors in order to divert the people's attention from the internal troubles to an external enemy.

## Church Built in a Day

Recently 180 workmen started construction on the Presbyterian Church of the Roses in Santa Rosa at 7:09 a.m., and completely finished it by 12:25, in a little over five hours and 16 minutes.

The first service was conducted the following day on Sunday morning. The church is valued at \$50,000. The church property and labor connected with its construction is a gift of Hugh B. Codding, developer of the Montgomery Village residential and shopping area where the church is located.

## Bible Copied by Hand

A hand-written Bible of 1,200 pages has been completed by members and friends of the Pentecostal Tabernacle in Calgary, Alta., under the direction of Pastor John M. Watts. It took 1,800 man hours on the 100-pound volume, including a chapter in Braille.

## U. S. Peril

America reached its present position of peril in the world through step-by-step sacrifices of principle for expediency. Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren said to delegates to the sixty-first annual meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Minneapolis recently, "Russia does not have to go to war with the United States to win. If we fail to bestir ourselves, Russia can win victory from our own apathy. . . Russia used Rumanians to take Rumania; Bulgarians to take Bulgaria, and she took Poland with Poles. If Russia takes America, she will take it with Americans."

If America forgets Christ, then their hearts will be ripe for Communism. Our greatest danger is from within—the moral decay of America. A cure for Communism is in the hearts of men—Christianity. We need to pray earnestly for a mighty spiritual awakening in our beloved land.

## 1,500,000 in Slave Labor

The Russians were charged recently in Bonn, Germany with sending 25 per cent of the population of the three captive Baltic countries—1,500,000 persons—into slave labor. Representatives of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, leaders of the Central Committee of the Baltic National Committee in west Germany, said "a coldly calculated plan for the physical and spiritual destruction of the Baltic people is in full swing."

## New World War Costs

Commander John W. Seager of the Navy Supply Corps estimates it would cost the United States \$4,000,000,000,000 (4 trillion) to fight an all-out third world war. Seager, who is a member of the Industrial College in Washington,

said in a recent interview here that each major war the United States has fought cost roughly 10 times more than the previous one. If this total amount of money were converted into silver dollars and twenty-five tons placed on each freight car, it would make a train 40,000 miles long, enough to almost circle the globe twice.

## Atomic Plant Expansion

The Atomic Energy Commission plans to build an atomic plant, probably in the Ohio Valley, at an estimated cost of \$1,197,350,000. It also proposes to spend another \$1,500,000,000 to expand two existing atomic plants and two others under construction.

## Is America Falling?

Almost two hundred years ago Edward Gibbon, the great English historian wrote his monumental work on "The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire." In that history Gibbon points out five reasons for the destruction of that empire:

1. Rapid increase of divorce with the undermining of the sanctity of the home, which is the basis of society.
2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public moneys for bread and celebrations.
3. The mad craze for pleasure, and sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.
4. The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within the decadence of the people.
5. The decay of religion—faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming more impotent to guide it.

Is America falling? These reasons for the fall of the great Roman Empire should make every American stop and think, for every one of the five is evident in our modern society. History may be repeating itself!

No democracy of history has lasted longer than 200 years. America is now 175 years old. The next twenty-five years will tell the story. Our only hope is in Him who said, "*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*" (Hillsboro Christian)

## Divorces

Recent study of 12,000 divorce cases showed 6.4 per cent of the cases both parties Catholics, in 6.8 per cent both parties Protestant, in 15.2 per cent of the cases one Protestant and one Catholic, and in 71.6 per cent no church affiliation. The fact is emphasized that the home that prays together will stay together.